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JAPS HAVE FORTRESS WITHIN THEIR GRASP

Latest Reports Recount Capture of "203 Meter Hill."

Fortress Almost Fallen.
London, Dec. 1.—The Japanese have Port Arthur all but in their grasp. The capture of "203 Meter Hill," news of which was contained in an official dispatch from Tokio, is the most decided step toward the final occupation of the Russian stronghold.
Since the outer line of the fortresses assaulted has been taken, but one thing, it seems, can save Gen. Stoessel, and his defenders from compulsory and immediate surrender to Gen. Nogai.
This is withdrawal to Liao Tishan and Tiger Tail, where, if they have sufficient provisions, they could hold out for some time.
Capture "203 Meter Hill."
Tokio, Dec. 1.—It is officially announced today that the Japanese forces charged up "203 Meter Hill" at 7 o'clock this morning and an hour later occupied the entire summit. The Russians left heaps of dead.

Ordering More Vessels.
London, Dec. 1.—The Rome correspondent of Central News wires that several Russian officials have arrived from Rome and obtained permission from the minister of marine to visit the dock yards. It is stated the visitors intend to order the construction in Italy of four battleships and six cruisers.

Japs on Retreat.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—Official and private dispatches received indicate that the Japanese are falling back below Sinsin, where, for several days they had apparently been attempting a turning movement. After four days of severe but unsuccessful fighting they are now retreating with the Russians in pursuit. It is impossible as yet to tell whether either movement has any real strategic significance.
The Russian consul at Chefoo telegraphs that the Japanese captured two forts in the storming operations against Port Arthur November 29, but the news is not confirmed from any other quarter. The consul says Japanese losses were enormous and that five thousand were sacrificed in two hours.

Sank Their Own Ship.
London, Dec. 1.—The Post's correspondent at Shanghai telegraphs: "It is reported that a Russian torpedo boat destroyer returning to Vladivostok from a scouting expedition, was sunk by guns of the Russian forts in error."

Helping Sick and Wounded.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—The city authorities have decided to grant \$50,000 to defenders of Port Arthur and their families and appeal to the whole Russian empire to raise funds for the same purpose.
It is reported Russia will call attention of the powers to the refusal of the Japanese to allow vessels

RUSSIA REPLIES TO PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Washington, Dec. 1.—Russia is unwilling to join the powers in a second conference at The Hague until her war with Japan is ended.
The Russian reply to Secretary Hay's circular note was delivered verbally by Ambassador Cassini.
The ambassador was requested by his government to say that Russia heartily accepted in principle the invitation to a second peace conference and gladly associated herself

THE NEWLY ELECTED BISHOP ACCEPTS

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 1.—The Rev. Dr. Chas. E. Woodcock, rector of St. John's Episcopal church in this city, has announced that he accepted the offer tendered him several weeks ago of the appointment of bishop of the diocese of Ken-

with medicine and comforts for the sick and wounded to enter Port Arthur.
MRS. J. E. RANKIN
Popular Henderson Woman Dies of Bronchitis.
Often Visited Paducah and Has Relatives Here.

Sad news has been received here of the death of Mrs. James E. Rankin, of Henderson, Ky. She died last night about 10 o'clock after a few days' illness of bronchitis, and the news came as a great shock to relatives here.
Mrs. Rankin was the wife of Mr. James E. Rankin, of Henderson, formerly of Paducah, and was Miss Susan Barrett, of Henderson. She has often visited here and was a cultured, and attractive lady. Besides a husband and two children, a daughter and son, she leaves a large circle of relatives in Henderson, and was prominently connected in Louisville and other Kentucky cities. Mrs. Sophia Rankin and Mr. Henry Rankin, of this city are a mother-in-law and brother-in-law. No details as to the funeral have been received but Mr. Henry Rankin will probably attend it.
The marriage of the only daughter, Miss Susan Rankin, was to have taken place next Wednesday. Invitations to it were issued last week.

BLOODY RIOT

State Militia Called to Quell Disturbance at Zeigler.

Four Militiamen Wounded But No One Was Killed.

Benton, Ill., Dec. 1.—Two companies of state militia with the aid of four Gatling guns, were unable to quell a riot at Zeigler last night, which began at 10 o'clock and lasted until 4 this morning. Advice from there today state that four militiamen were wounded, but no one, so far as known, were killed.

FINAL DECISION TOMORROW.

Judge William Reed will render a final decision in the Counts mandamus suit tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. He has decided the case partially, but had yet to pass on the local option part of the case. This involves the local option law in the magistracy district in which Gilbertsville lies.

With the American government in this effort to complete the mission of the first great assembly convened under the leadership of the Russian emperor; and that while the Russian government very sincerely cherished these views, it did not consider the moment opportune for the acceptance and it therefore must withhold its formal acceptance of the invitation until the war in the far east is at end.

Dr. Woodcock has mailed his acceptance to the Kentucky church authorities. He said that he would probably continue as rector of St. John's until his convocation, which cannot take place for about two months.

WEDDING BELLS MERRILY JINGLE

Paducah Couples Wed in Metropolis and Elsewhere.

A Number of Other Weddings to Take Place in Near Future.

POPULAR COUPLE MARRY HERE

Announcement is made today of the approaching wedding of Miss Katherine M. Holliday and Mr. Ivo Pettit, two popular young people. The marriage will take place on Tuesday, December 20th, at 3 p. m., at the St. Francis de Sales parsonage. The attendants will be Miss Hortense Thurman and Mr. George Holliday.
Miss Holliday is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holliday, of South Sixth street, and is a graduate of the class of 1904 of the Paducah High school. Mr. Pettit is a popular young business man, connected with the Southern Express Company as a cashier. Both have a large circle of friends to extend congratulations.

Mr. U. L. Hurley, a popular young attaché of the local I. C. yard department, and Miss Willie Watts, of 1720 Jackson street, will be married this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride, and will leave at 6 o'clock for New Orleans on a bridal tour.

Mr. Hurley is a popular young railroad man and his bride-to-be is a daughter of Mr. W. L. Watts. She is a bright and lovable young woman with many friends who will wish her success. The marriage will be performed by Rev. T. J. Newell, of the Broadway Methodist church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bonnin, of this city, and Mr. Peter Allen, of the county, will be married on December 8th at the residence of the bride's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Joseph A. Miller, at Tenth and Harrison streets. Rev. W. H. Pinkerton, of the First Christian church, will perform the ceremony. They will reside at the groom's home in the county, of which he is a prominent resident.

In Dyersburg, Tenn., next Wednesday evening Miss Olive Tenney and Mr. Walter Scott Draper, both of that city, will be married at the Methodist church. Miss Evelyn Walker, of this city, will be one of the bridesmaids.

Both Miss Tenney and Mr. Draper have visited the Misses Walker here and are popular young people in Dyersburg.

The marriage of Mrs. Lula Johnston, of South Eleventh street, and Mr. John Stovall, of Fulton, took place last evening at 5:30 o'clock at 1018 South Fifth street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. L. Perryman, of the Baptist church. Miss Walker, of Trimble street, played the wedding march.

Mr. and Mrs. Stovall left today for Fulton where they will make their home, the groom being a popular young railroad running out of that city.

Miss Ruth Emma Wright and Mr. R. L. Culver, of Hampton, Livingston county, were married yesterday at noon by the Rev. G. W. Perryman, of the First Baptist church, in his study. They were accompanied by a number of friends from their home. After the ceremony they returned to Hampton. They are popular young people of Livingston county.

Miss Genie Spaulding and Mr. Artie Harris, two popular young people of the Maxon Mills section, were married Monday night at Cairo. They have the best wishes of many friends here.

Justice Thomas Liggett, at Metropolis, Ill., the celebrated marrying squire for Kentucky and Illinois, has within the past day or two married the following people:

Mr. Elbert Grubbs, Paducah, and Miss Orrie Dublin, of Jackson, Tenn., on November 28th.

Mr. Amos Chapman and Miss Mattie E. Rhodes, of Mayfield, Graves county yesterday.

A WARM AWAKENING FOR THE PRISONERS

Fire at the County Jail Warms 'Em up Some.

Store Room Outside the Bastille Burned—Jail Windows Broken By Heat.

DAMAGE WILL BE ABOUT \$200

Willis Mount, a prisoner in the county jail, charged with murder, was awakened from his sleep this morning shortly after 12 o'clock by the sound of crackling flames. Arising from his bunk, he went to the front of his cell and peered out. Mount was startled to see a bright light and at first thought Jailer Jones' house across the street was afire. Pretty soon flames made their appearance just outside the jail window. Mount raised an alarm and immediately there was confusion in the jail. Every prisoner upstairs was awake and lustily shouting.

Two negro women passing by began to cry fire and immediately the entire neighborhood was awake and the No. 1 and No. 4 fire departments were on the scene.

The small frame store room adjoining the jail on the southeast side was afire and the roof in a mass of flames when the firemen arrived.

The window glass in the jail windows began to burst from the extreme heat, which soon penetrated the interior of the jail and made it uncomfortable for the prisoners who were locked in their cells and unable to get out to seek the other side of the jail. Their cries to Jailer Jones to liberate them could be heard for several blocks, but the firemen assured Jailer Jones that the fire would soon be out, and the prisoners were left in their cells.

The eaves of the jail caught fire, but as there is little wood about the jail, were readily put out. The damage to the store room, which is nearly a total loss, and to the provisions which were ruined, will amount to something over \$200. The jail window frames were charred and will have to be replaced by new ones. The paint in the jail was also burned off for an area of several square yards.

The fire did not inconvenience Jailer Jones much, as he had another supply of provisions sent to the jail immediately after market opened and the noon day meal was cooked and served just the same as if nothing had occurred.

It is presumed the fire is of incendiary origin, as no fire was kept about the store room. The stove in the kitchen inside the jail and the fire could not have started from this.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Wheat—	Open.	Closed.
Dec.	1.08 1/2	1.08
May	1.09 1/2	1.09 1/2
Corn—		
Dec.	48 1/2	48 1/2
May	45 1/2	45 1/2
Oats—		
Dec.	29	29
May	31 1/4	31 1/4
Pork—		
Jan.	12.90	12.80
Cotton—		
Dec.	8.06	8.42
Jan.	8.65	8.52
Mar.	8.75	8.70
May	8.93	8.83
Stocks—		
L. & N.	1.42	141 1/2
I. C.	1.57	1.57

NOT SERIOUS

Dr. Robert Rivers is in receipt of a telegram from his brother, Dr. Horace Rivers, saying that their brother, Tom Rivers, who was shot in Leavenworth, Kan., is not seriously wounded and will probably be brought home as soon as the wound heals sufficient.

Rivers was shot by John Baldwin, a Platt county farmer, the ball entering the shoulder. Rivers fired at Baldwin and the bullet kicked the weapon out of Baldwin's hand. The latter escaped. The fight occurred in front of a saloon. The two men had been at odds for some time.

THE BOATNER CASE IS ENDED AT LAST

Attempted Swindle Was a Dis-mal Failure.

Stranger Who First Stopped in Paducah Claimed He Lost \$28,000.

ONE OF THEM IS IN JAIL

Route Agent Abbott, of the American Express company, has returned from Owensboro, where the noted case of J. W. Boatner against the express company for \$28,000 came up and was thrown out of federal court because Boatner failed to put in his appearance.

Thus ends one of the most daring attempts ever made to rob an express company.

In 1901 a man calling himself J. W. Boatner arrived in Paducah and put up a day or two at the New Richmond hotel. From here he went up about Fordsville, Ky., and after hanging about a few days, and flashing a big roll, evidently "phony," he had an express package shipped from Fordsville to Owensboro, addressed to himself.

He claimed it contained \$28,000, and took a receipt from A. B. Schlitzbaum, the railroad and express agent at Fordsville.

The latter pretended the next morning that he had been robbed of the package, but it developed that Boatner and the agent had been frequently seen together, and they were arrested for conspiracy to defraud the express company. Schlitzbaum was also arrested for embezzling funds from the companies for which he worked, and of which he claimed to have been robbed when the express package was taken from him.

He and Boatner were acquitted of conspiracy, but Schlitzbaum was convicted of embezzlement.

Boatner brought suit in the federal court for the \$28,000 he claimed to have shipped, but when the case came up yesterday at Owensboro didn't show up, and had no attorney to represent him, and the case was dismissed.

Nothing is known of Boatner's whereabouts. He has not been in Owensboro, so far as is known, since the day he gave the package to Gore Burch. He left Ohio county last summer shortly after being acquitted of the criminal charges against him.

TO HANG DECEMBER 16.

Convicted Pulaski Murderer to Pay Extreme Penalty On That Day.

Eli Bugg, who was convicted in the September special term of circuit court of aiding and abetting Will Cross in the murder of Chris Mathis at Wetaug, some time during the summer just passed, appeared before Judge Butler Saturday afternoon and received the death sentence, the time of execution being set on December 16, 1904, just twenty days from the day of sentence to the day of execution.

The judge went over the case with the utmost care, reviewed the trial and answering the objections presented by Attorney Fred Hood, Mr. Bugg's faithful attorney.

The doomed man listened to the death sentence with a stolid, undisturbed appearance. His reply to the judge's interrogation: "Have you anything to say, why the sentence of death should not be pronounced?" was: "My life is being taken without just cause."

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After the Rope.

Sheriff J. R. Weaver, of Pulaski county, was here today to secure a rope with which to hang Eli Bugg on December 16, if Gov. Yates does not interfere in the meantime. He was shown the rope which hung Riley Powell and will probably use it. The rope was one Sheriff Hodges had made for the business and is extra strong, as the sheriff did not want to have any trouble. It was borrowed for an execution at Caruthersville, so Bugg will be the third to feel its coil about his throat. —Cairo Citizen.

A girl thinks she's a first-class cook if she can make fudge.

THE MONTH'S WORK BRIEFLY REVIEWED

The Police Make Good Showing During Dull Month.

Fire Loss Did Not Exceed \$4,000 and Death List Was Forty-four.

HOSPITAL REPORTS OF MONTH

The report of Chief James Collins, of the police department, shows 161 arrests. They are as follows:

Murder and fugitive from justice, 1; obtaining money under false pretenses, 3; housebreaking, 1; grand larceny, 4; forgery and fugitive from justice, 1; forgery, 1; malicious cutting, 1; false swearing, 2; setting up and carrying on a game of chance, 1; petty larceny, 7; suspects, 5; presenting and flourishing a pistol, 1; breach of the peace, 47; drunkenness, 20; disorderly conduct, 11; profane language, 3; fast and reckless driving, 1; concealed weapons, 2; drunk and disorderly, 7; disorderly house, 10; adultery, 2; selling liquor without license, 2; violating Sabbath, 3; breach of ordinance, 6; jumping on and off trains while in motion, 2; gaming, 15; total, 161.

Building News.

There is not much building going on in Paducah. The past month only nine permits were issued by City Engineer Washington, and these were for small amounts. The permits were as follows:

James Owen, frame, husbands between Sixth and Seventh, \$300; Bertie Rice, frame, Jefferson between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, \$500; A. L. Redmond, frame, Madison between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, \$500; Mrs. N. A. Gills, frame, Elizabeth between Sixth and Seventh, \$500; Joe Mattison, frame, husbands at Sixth, \$500; Joe Mattison, frame, husbands at Sixth, \$500; Christ Liebel, frame, Tenth and Norton, \$1,000; Feh Bros., corrugated iron, Jefferson at Jefferson, \$92; W. D. Scott, frame shop, Broad, between Third and Fourth, \$150.

I. C. Hospital.

The I. C. railroad hospital had a quiet month in November. The number of patients treated during the past month was ninety-four. There were twenty-eight in the hospital at the first of November and sixty-six admitted during the month. At present there are but thirty-one patients in the hospital for treatment. One death was reported for the month, a colored patient, Arthur Dobyns, of Kuttawa.

This report, compared with the report of the month in the year 1903, shows a lighter month. There were no deaths in November, 1903, but a total of sixty-nine patients admitted, with the thirty-four in at the first of the month, made a total of 103 patients treated in November, 1903.

Fire Loss \$4,000.

The fire departments had a lively time this month, answering fifteen alarms.

The records of Chief Woods shows fifteen fires, amounting in damage aggregately \$4,000. The biggest fire was the Jake Biederman Grocery and Baking company bakery on Lower Kentucky avenue, and next to this was the Woolfolk—McMurtre mattress factory. The former fire amounted to over \$1,000 damage and the latter a little less. The other fires ran from \$50 to several hundred in damage.

Forty-Four Deaths.

City Health Officer W. T. Graves reports 44 deaths for the past month. This is about the same number as for same month one year ago.

Mr. Louis Bebout, stamp deputy, reports the collection of \$7,873.30 with stamps issued for 1,655 barrels of whisky.

City Hospital Report.

The city hospital reports a very quiet month. During the month of November there was a total of fourteen admitted and at the end only six patients were being treated.

BRIDGE WORKMAN GETS BACK BROKEN

Bridge Workman Fell Forty Feet.

Richard Brown Fatally Hurt at New Tennessee River Bridge.

NOW IN THE HOSPITAL HERE

Richard Brown, an employe of the Bates-Rogers Construction Co. at Tennessee river bridge, was fatally injured at the local I. C. hospital, the result of a forty foot fall from the bridge the company is building for the I. C.

Brown is an Irishman and only a few months over from his native country. He got the fall Tuesday afternoon late while working on the extension of the bridge, but was not brought to Paducah for treatment until yesterday afternoon late on the Louisville and Fulton accommodation train. It was not known that he was seriously injured until medical aid was secured yesterday.

Brown fell a distance of forty feet and alighted on his back on the top of a pile. He was picked up unable to move and complained of his back. It was supposed he had sprained his back and his plucky assurance that he was not seriously injured induced the men at the works to believe that he was not very badly injured.

He was finally brought to the city and when the local physicians made an examination, found his back broken and they say he cannot recover. He was made as comfortable as possible and today is resting easy. He may recover, but the chances are decidedly against him.

BACK FROM PANAMA.

Mr. F. W. Katterjohn, it is Reported, Will Go There January 1.

Mr. F. W. Katterjohn, the well-known contractor and head of the Katterjohn Construction company at Cedar Bluff, returned last night from a trip to Panama with Chief Engineer J. F. Wallace, formerly of the I. C. Mr. Katterjohn's many friends here have been greatly entertained with his stories of the country and customs, and of the pleasant trip he had.

It is understood that he has virtually agreed to go to Panama and accept an important post or contract, and will leave about January 1. Mr. Katterjohn was out of the city this afternoon and could not be seen to verify the rumor, but it is practically settled, from statements made by his friends, that he is to leave in time to reach Panama about January 1, and remain indefinitely.

KILLED BY WIFE.

Miner Went Home and Was Mistaken For Burglar.

Barboursville, Ky., Dec. 1.—At Coalport, a mining town near here, George Rhodes, a miner, was accidentally shot and killed by his wife while seeking to gain admission to his home at night. He was mistaken by his wife for a burglar who killed him with a shot gun.

BENNETT WINS.

Election Contest in Ninth Decided in Favor of Republican.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 1.—In the Kehoe-Bennett congressional election contest case from the Ninth district the court of appeals today decided against Kehoe. This seats the republican candidate.

Bloomington, Ill.—Harry Holt is dead at Flanagan from lockjaw, following recent injuries in operating a corn sheller.

Guthrie, Okla.—The 5-year-old son of H. A. Ross, of Merrick, this county, was instantly killed by the kick of a horse.

There was one death during the month. This is a very light month and compares very favorably with November in 1903.

The following is the number of marriage licenses issued during November: White, thirteen; colored, thirty-eight.